

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2168 - HB 2492**

March 5, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires all public institutions of higher education to recognize at their respective graduation ceremonies, students who have voluntarily performed at least 10 hours of community service each semester that the student attended the institution. Each institution shall recognize the students' achievements by awarding a certificate of service; providing a ribbon or cord to be worn at graduation; or recognizing the community service in another suitable manner. Requires the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purpose of this act. Such rules shall substantially comply with the rules promulgated by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) for the Tennessee Promise community service program, except that students shall not be required to verify their community service with a partnering organization of the Tennessee Promise scholarship program.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) and the University of Tennessee (UT), both are currently working on a system-wide solution for tracking community service hours.
- TBR and UT will recognize qualifying students in the normal course of graduation ceremonies without a significant increase in state expenditures. No fiscal impact on local government.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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